

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 24, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated April 10, 2007 have been received and carefully considered. Per the agreement with Examiner Paul Kim during the telephone conversation on Monday, May 07, 2007, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment/Response.

In this response, claims 26, 54, 63, 64, 69, and 73 have been amended and claims 47 and 55 have been cancelled without prejudice. Entry of the amendments to claims 26, 54, 63, 64, 69, and 73 and the cancellation of claims 47 and 55 without prejudice is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. THE NON-STATUTORY SUBJECT MATTER REJECTION OF CLAIMS 26-73

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 26-73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Responsive to this rejection, Applicants have amended claims 26, 54, 63, 64, 69, and 73 to drop the controversial phrase "substantially continuous" and cancelled claims 47 and 55 without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the aforementioned non-statutory subject matter rejection of claims 26-73 be withdrawn.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

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